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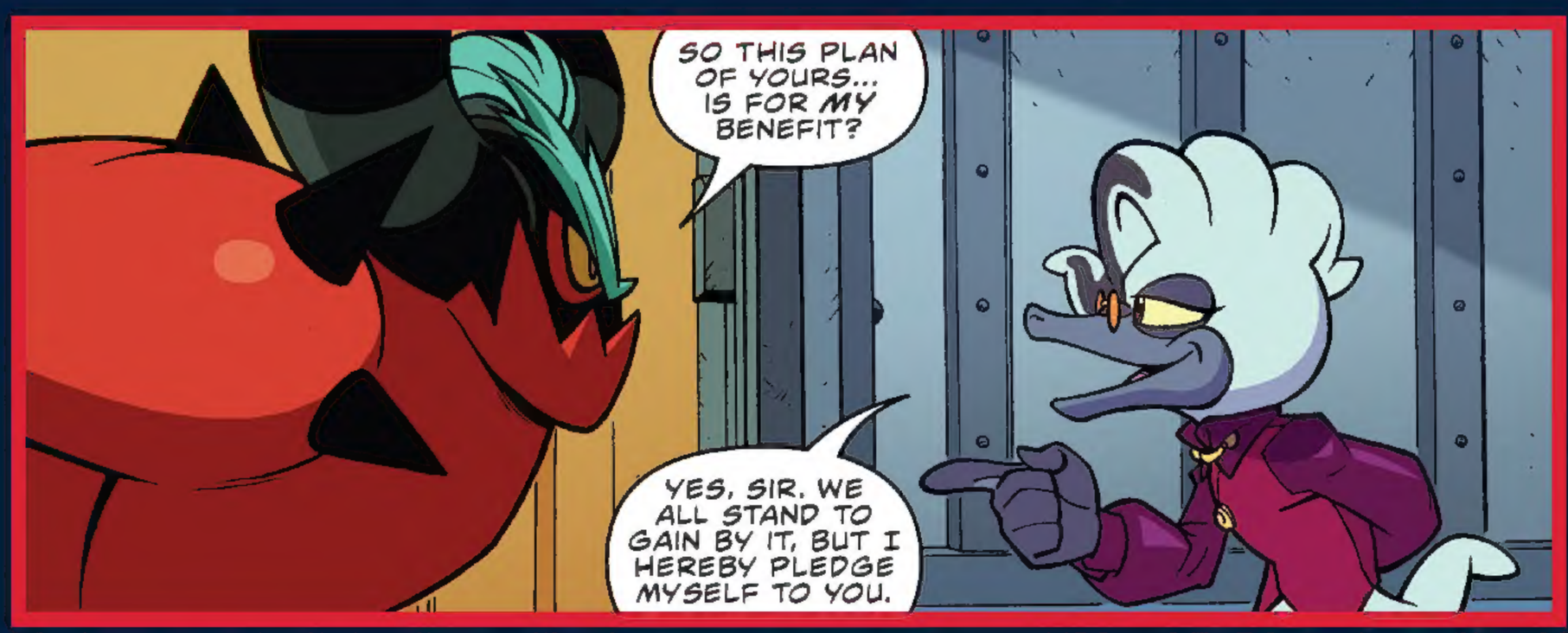
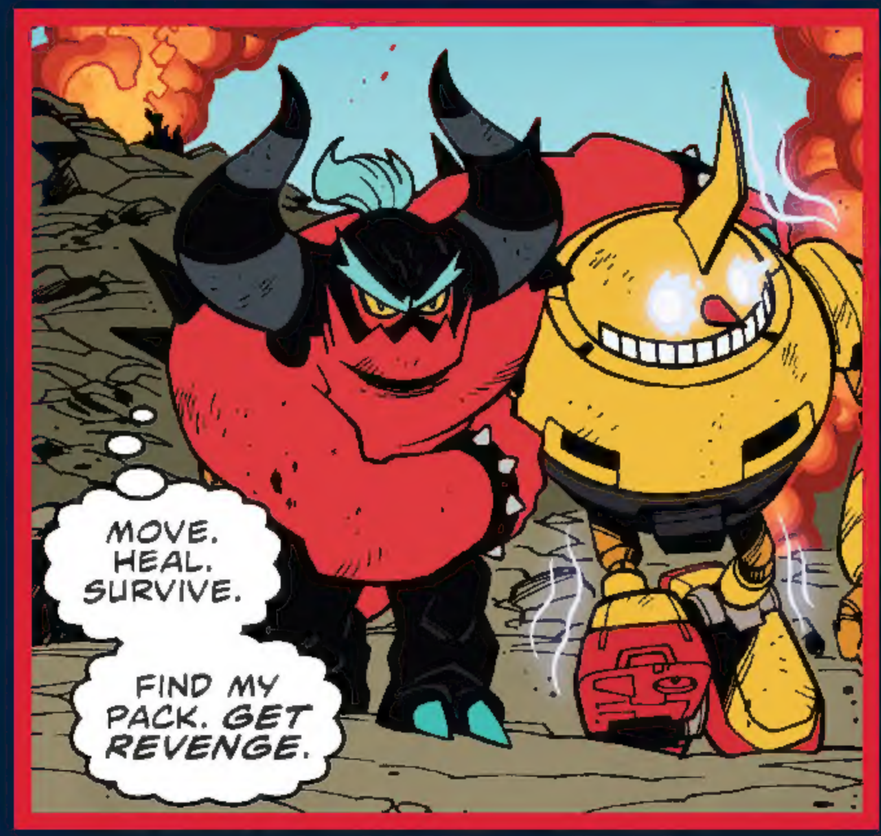
STOP IT! ALL YOUR MEAN FRIENDS WERE BEATEN! THE BAD TIMES ARE OVER! JUST GO HOME!

STORY SO FAR

I WILL NOT SUFFER HUMILIATION FROM SONIC *AGAIN!* I WILL NEVER ACCEPT DEFEAT!

TAILS... *PLEASE*. WE JUST PREVENTED THE END OF THE WORLD AND SONIC MAY BE LOST TO US. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE I CAN TAKE.
ME TOO. BUT ZAVOK WAS JUST *ONE* OF THE DEADLY SIX. THE OTHER *FIVE* ARE STILL OUT THERE.


SO THIS PLAN OF YOURS... IS FOR *MY* BENEFIT?
YES, SIR. WE ALL STAND TO GAIN BY IT, BUT I HEREBY PLEDGE MYSELF TO YOU.


MOVE. HEAL. SURVIVE.
FIND MY PACK. *GET* REVENGE.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

JEWEL THE BEETLE
Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.

THE CHAOTIX
Ace Detective Agency.
Charmy, Vector, Espio.

THE DEADLY SIX
Zeti from Lost Hex.
Zavok, Zik, Zazz, Zeena, Zomom, Zor.

DR. EGGMAN
Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.

WINTERBURG.
HOLD STILL YOU MISERABLE--!
I KNOW IT'S BEEN AWHILE, BUT IS THAT ANY WAY TO BREAK THE ICE?
NO! NO TIRESOME ICE PUNS!
BZZRT

FINE. WE'LL SKIP TO ME STOPPING YOUR CONQUEST OF THIS QUAINT LITTLE TOWN!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS FROST-BITTEN HAMLET! I'M HUNTING ZETI--EEP!
ZAVOK AND HIS DEADLY SIX ARE ON THE LOOSE! I NEED TO TAKE THEM OUT BEFORE THEY CAUSE MORE TROUBLE!*
AND SINCE YOU'RE TOO INEPT TO HANDLE THEM...!
*STH: BAD GUYS #1-4--EDS.
ME? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO INVITED THEM TO YOUR PLAGUE-A-PALOOZA! THEY'RE YOUR FAULT!
NO, THAT WAS STARLINE'S HAIR-BRAINED IDEA TO MAKE THINGS "BETTER!"**
AND HE WAS YOUR LACKEY! SO YOUR FAULT!
**STH#25 --EDS.
BZZ
ZRT

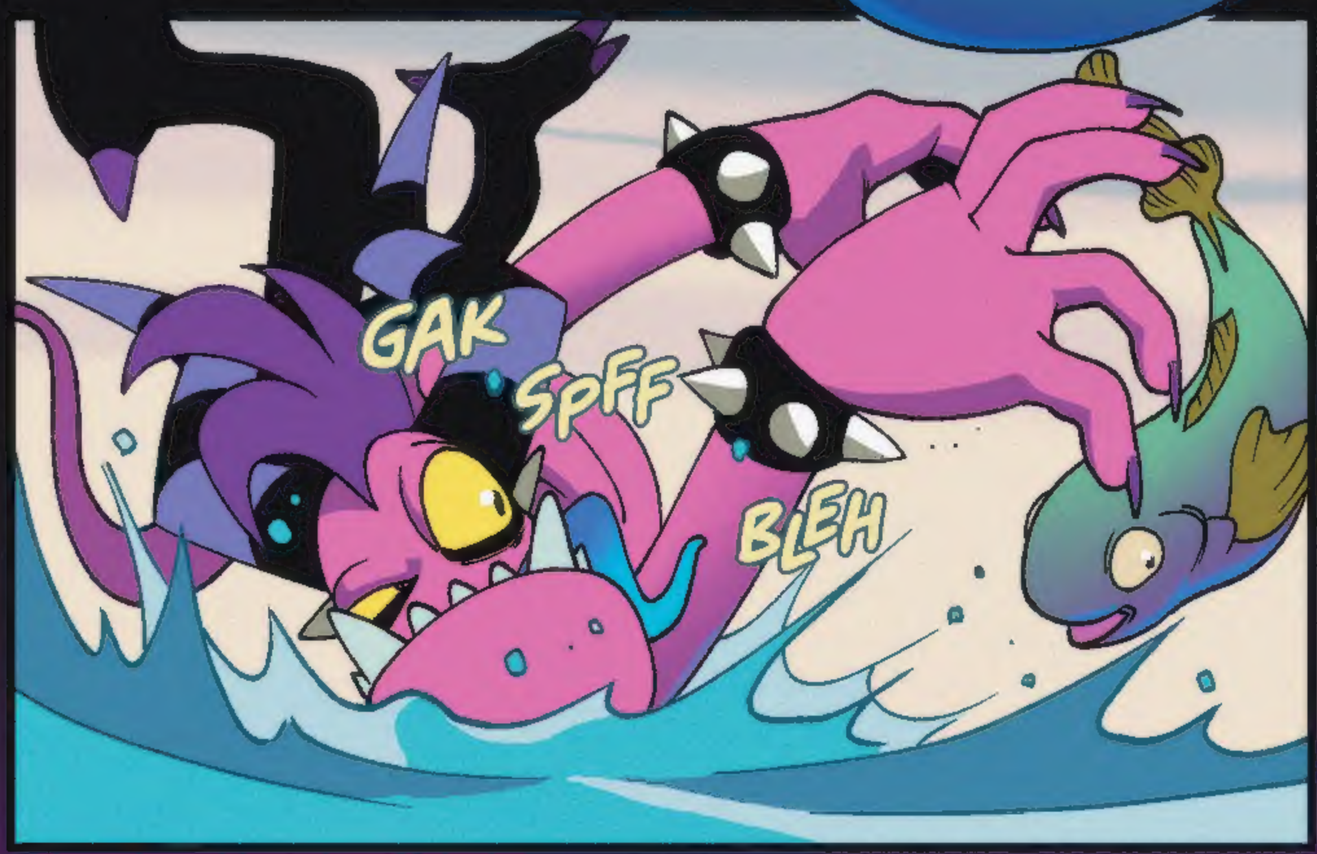
HE'S NO LONGER AFFILIATED WITH ME!
YOU'VE GOT A LIST OF EVIL DEEDS A MILE LONG AND YOU'RE TRYING TO WEASEL OUT OF THIS ONE WITH SEMANTICS?
I HAVE A REPUTATION TO UPHOLD!
FORGET "EGGMAN." I'M CALLING YOU "DR. NUTJOB" FROM NOW ON.
SO ZAVOK IS ALIVE! THEN WHY HASN'T HE COME TO GATHER US?
WE'RE EACH FORMIDABLE, BUT WE NEED HIS LEADERSHIP...
UNACCEPTABLE!
BZZZRT
BACK TO "BALDY MCNOSEHAIR" IT IS THEN!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY! IT'S NEVER BEEN FUNNY! IT'S NEVER GOING TO BE FUNNY!
PERHAPS HE'S WOUNDED? THE WEAK SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND...
...BUT THESE ARE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.
I'LL BEGIN RALLYING THE OTHERS. TRY TO MEET HIM HALFWAY. HANG ON, MY FORMER APPRENTICE...

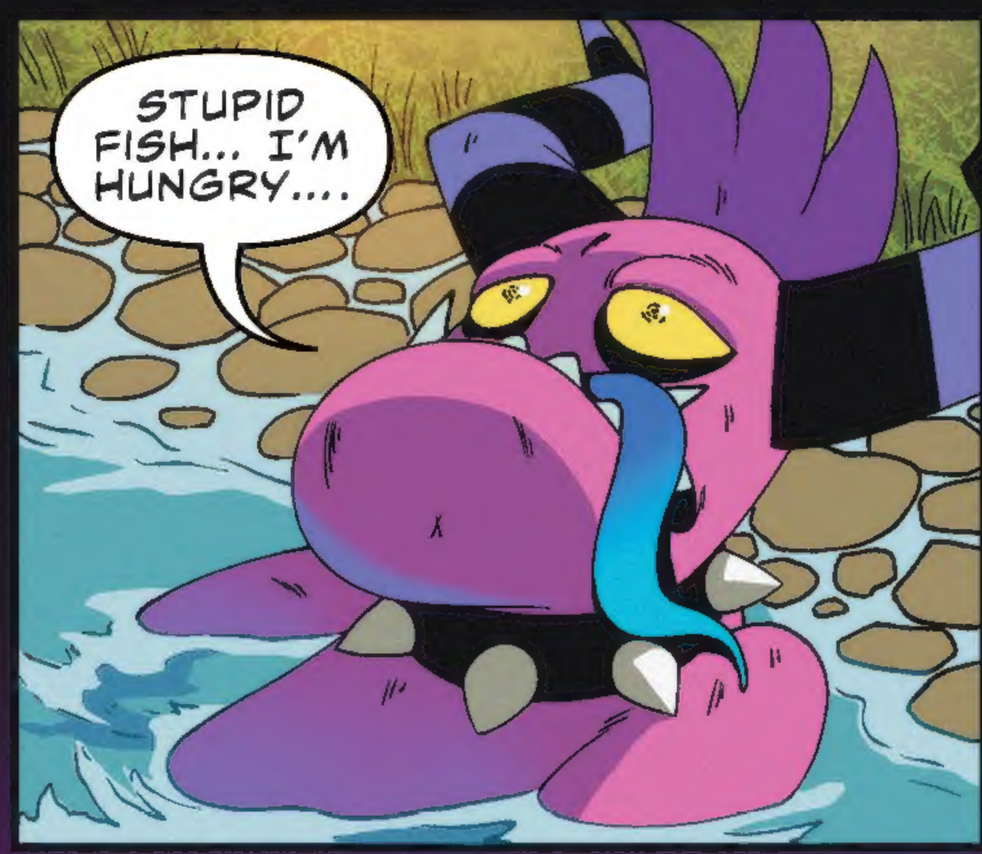
"...OUR WAR IS NOT OVER!"
ELSEWHERE...
RRGH... NO FARTHER... I MUST REST...
I HAD PLANNED TO TAKE A WHOLE ARMY FROM EGGMAN.*
ALL I HAVE TO SHOW FOR MY EFFORTS IS ONE ROBOT...
*STH: BAD GUYS #1-4, AGAIN--EDS.
I WAS THE MIGHTIEST ON LOST HEX...
...THEN I FOUGHT SONIC AND EGGMAN...
...SUFFERED ONE HUMILIATING DEFEAT AFTER ANOTHER...
...BEATEN... BROKEN... WOULD BE SO EASY... TO SURRENDER...

...NO. NEVER.
DEFEAT IS ONLY A FOUNDATION FOR REVENGE.
CONNECT TO THE EGGNET. ACTIVATE YOUR GPS.
FIND WHICH IS CLOSEST: RIVERSIDE, VISTA VIEW, ORCHARDVILLE, SUNSET CITY, OR WINTERBURG.
THE OTHERS WON'T HAVE STRAYED FAR FROM WHERE I SENT THEM.*
I WILL NEED THE FULL MIGHT OF THE DEADLY SIX TO FULFILL MY REVENGE.
*STH #25, AGAIN--EDS.
AND THEN WE WILL LAY WASTE TO EVERYTHING.

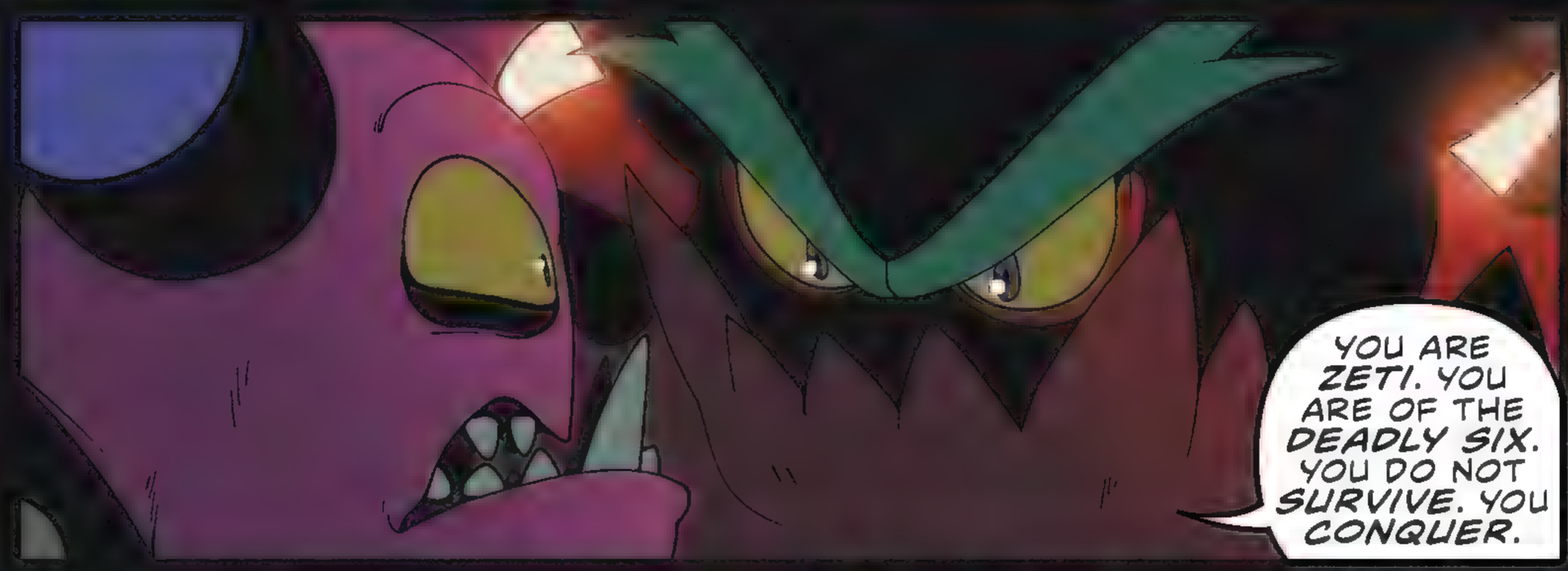
RIVERSIDE.

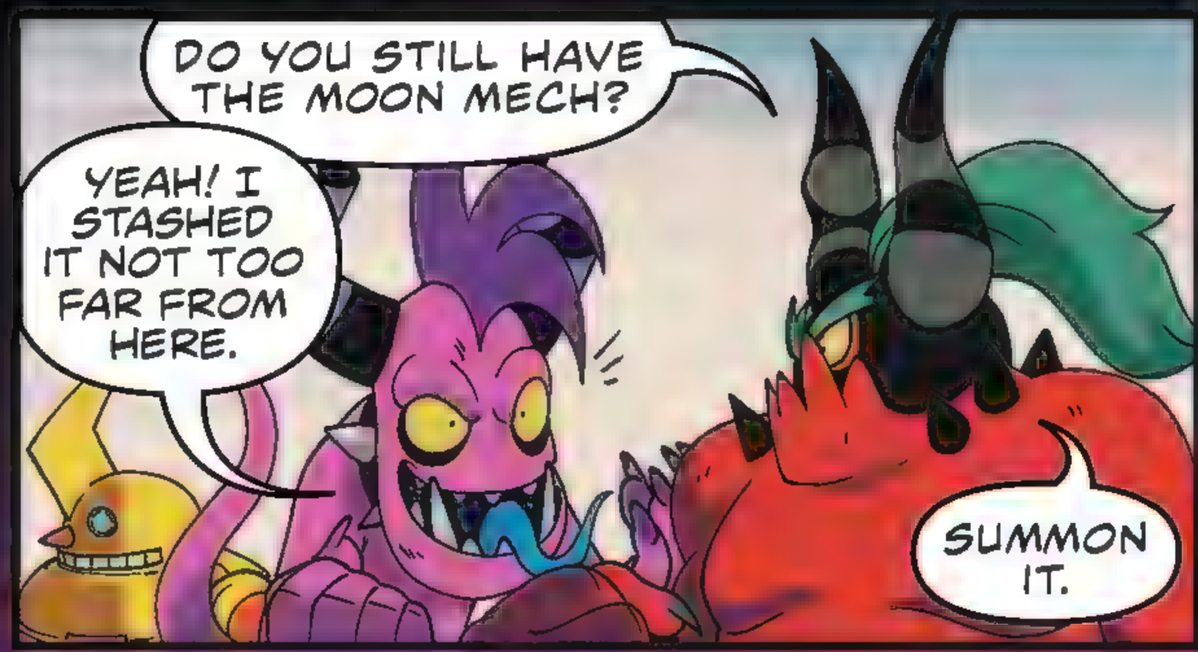
C'MERE... C'MERE... C'MERE...!



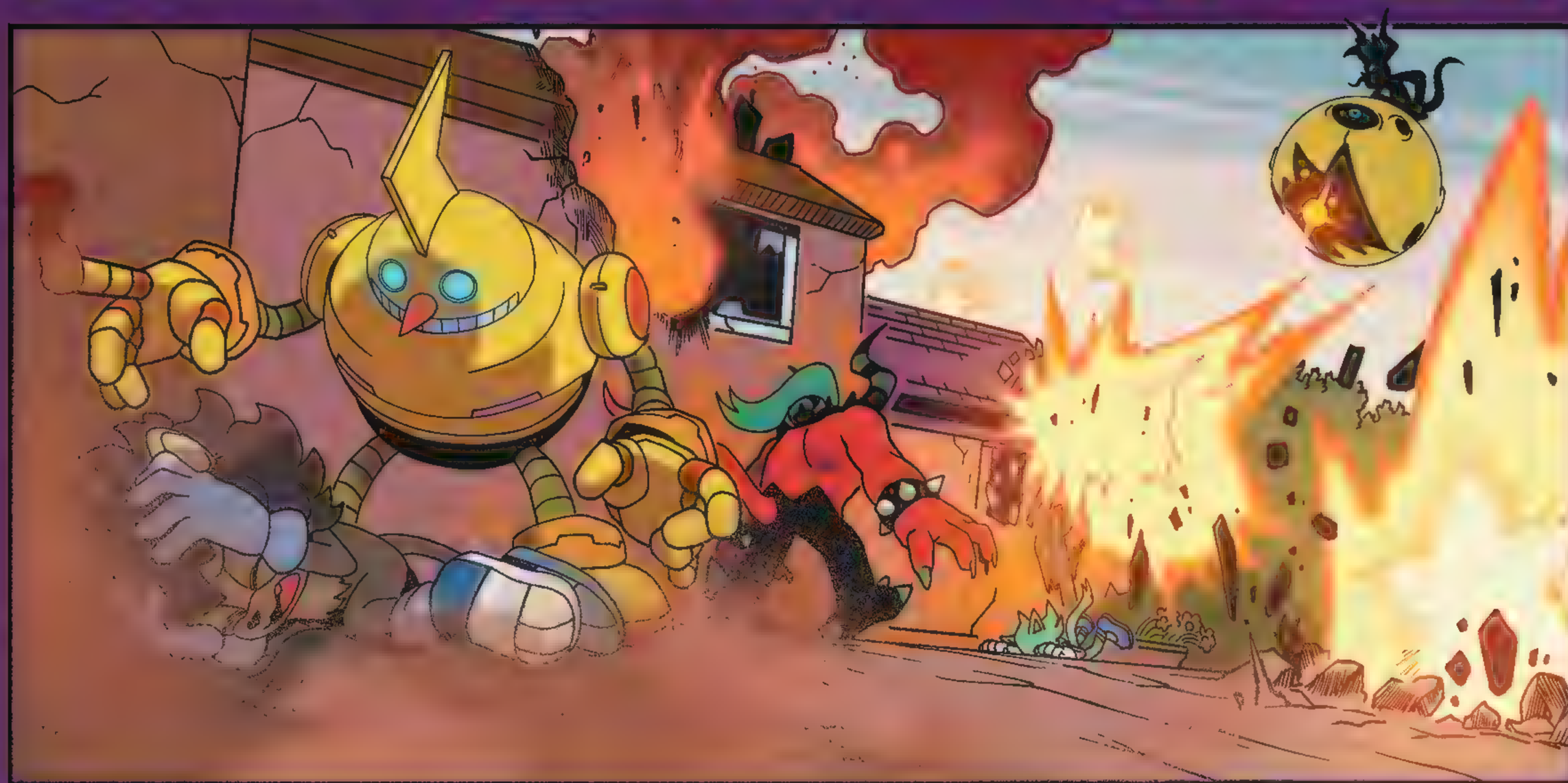


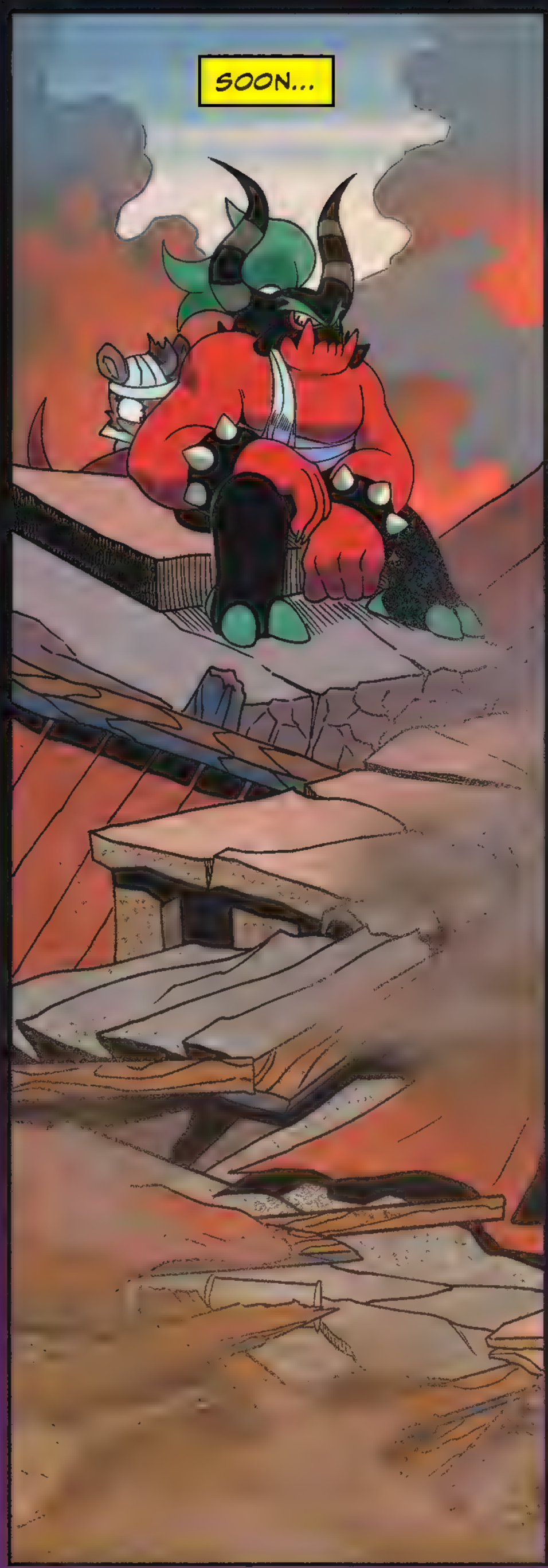
TH-THE PEOPLE GOT TURNED BACK TO NORMAL! THEY OVER-WHELMED ME AND KICKED ME OUT!


YOU ARE ZETI. YOU ARE OF THE DEADLY SIX. YOU DO NOT SURVIVE. YOU CONQUER.


DO YOU STILL HAVE THE MOON MECH?
YEAH! I STASHED IT NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE.
SUMMON IT.

OUR REVENGE BEGINS NOW.



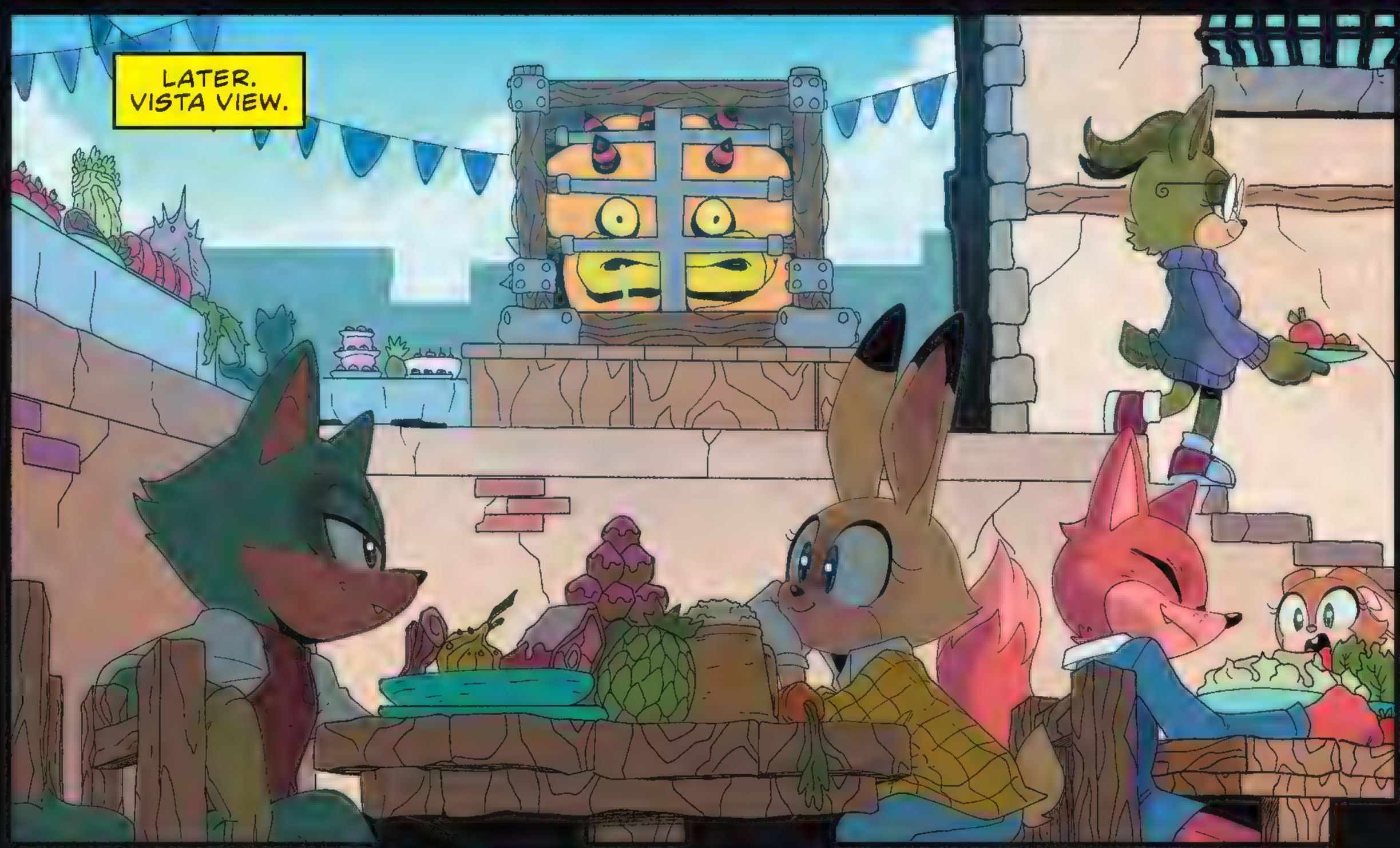

SOON...

WRAP THEM TIGHT, DOCTOR. I WILL HEAL FAST WITH THE PROPER SUPPORT.
Y-YES, SIR. TH-THEN MAY I T-TEND TO MY NEIGHBORS?

NO.

THIS TOWN WAS PRISTINE BEFORE WE BEGAN. DID YOU DO NOTHING WITH THE ZOMBOTS?
OF COURSE I TORE STUFF UP! BUT SOMETHING CALLED "THE RESTORATION" ROLLED IN AND FIXED EVERYTHING. THE JERKS.

"THE RESTORATION..."


LATER.
VISTA VIEW.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW GOOD THE TOWN LOOKS!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE RESTORATION! IT'S LIKE THE METAL VIRUS NEVER TOUCHED THIS PLACE!

IT'S NOT FAIR! YOU CAN'T HAVE A FEAST AND NOT LET ME... DUH, FEAST!
YOU KNOW THE DEAL. YOU BEHAVE AND WE FEED YOU ON THE HOUR.
OR SHOULD I GIVE THIS TO SOMEONE ELSE?

I'LL BE GOOD.
GOOD BOY.

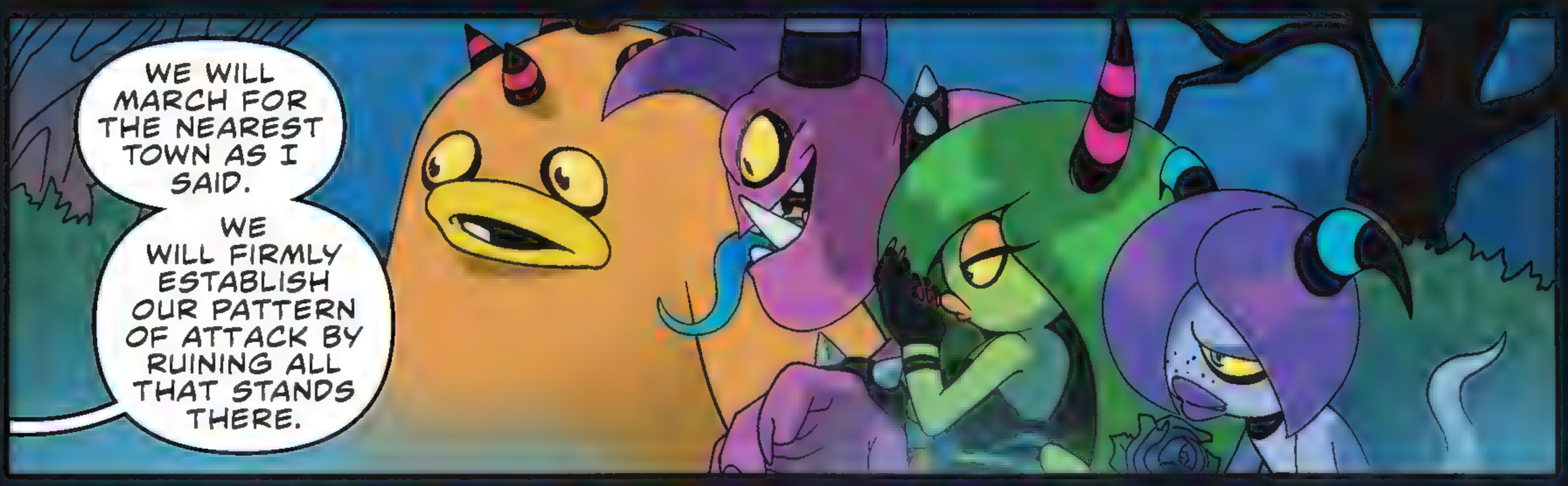
SKYOW!
WHA-HA-HA! PARTY'S OVER, CHUMPS!
AND I THOUGHT I'D FOUND ZAZZ IN A PATHETIC STATE...
I WAS WEAK WITH HUNGER! NOW I ONLY GET THREE MEALS A DAY! LEMME OUT SO I CAN EAT 'EM UP!
CRACK
YOU ARE ZETI. YOU ARE OF THE DEADLY SIX. YOU DO NOT ACCEPT RATIONED FEEDINGS.
YOU CONSUME ALL.
ROOOAAAUGH

EVERYONE TO THE DESIGNATED SHELTER!
YOU. YOU SERVE THIS "RESTORATION?"
S-SECURITY CORPS. W-WE STOP B-BADNIKS FROM ATTACKING THE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS...
SO YOU... REBUILD? PROTECT? THIS IS NOT THE ZETI WAY. EXPLAIN.
B-BETWEEN THE WAR AND THE PLAGUE, W-WE'VE GOT TO LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER.
W-WE'VE COME A LONG WAY BY WORKING TOGETHER AND...
YOU STRIVE TO UNDO ALL THAT MY KIND HAS DONE.
YOU WORKED SO WELL TOGETHER. NOW SUFFER TOGETHER!

LATER...
IT FEELS SO GOOD TO BE WRECKING STUFF AGAIN! LET'S BURN DOWN THIS FOREST!
LATER. WE HAVE MANY MILES TO GO BEFORE THE PACK IS AT FULL STRENGTH.
PRUDENT, BUT WRONG. HELLO, ZAVOK.
MASTER ZIK!
I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF ROUNDING UP THE OTHERS SO THAT WE MIGHT ALL REGROUP SOONER.
A WISE COURSE OF ACTION, MASTER. WELL DONE.
WE ARE THE DEADLY SIX ONCE MORE. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE US DO?
WE MARCH BACK THE WAY YOU CAME. WE FIND THE TOWNS THAT SO FOOLISHLY RESISTED US. AND WE RAZE THEM TO THE GROUND.
...THAT'S IT?
THEY ARE BUT THE FIRST TO SUFFER OUR REVENGE. THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE TO FOLLOW.

I UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE, BUT IT'S TOO OBVIOUS. I TRUST YOU'VE LEFT NOTHING BUT MISERY IN YOUR WAKE?
I'D ASSUMED THE SCREAMS LED YOU TO US.
AND SO YOU'VE BEGUN TO SET A PATTERN.
WE ARE *FAR* FROM LOST HEX, SO WE CANNOT RETURN HOME. WE ARE IN THE LANDS OF OUR ENEMIES, WHO ARE NUMEROUS AND ORGANIZED.
IT WON'T TAKE THEM LONG TO REALIZE OUR TARGETS AND PREPARE FOR US.
THEN WE FACE THEM ON THE BATTLEFIELD! WE ROUT THEM OR FALL IN GLORIOUS BATTLE!
AN ACCEPTABLE END TO BE SURE, BUT WE CAN ACHIEVE SO MUCH MORE.
YOU'VE HEARD OF THE RESTORATION, YES? THEY BRING SAFETY, STABILITY, AND WORST OF ALL, HOPE.
TEAR IT OUT BY THE ROOTS, AND THE WORLD HAS NO MEANS OF RECOVERING FROM OUR VICIOUSNESS.

WISE COUNCIL, MASTER.


WE WILL MARCH FOR THE NEAREST TOWN AS I SAID.
WE WILL FIRMLY ESTABLISH OUR PATTERN OF ATTACK BY RUINING ALL THAT STANDS THERE.

AS THE HEROES RUSH TO DEFEND THE OTHER TWO TOWNS, WE WILL INSTEAD DOUBLE-BACK AND ASSAULT THE RESTORATION'S BASE WHEN ITS DEFENSES ARE AT THEIR WEAKEST.
NOW THAT IS A PLAN.

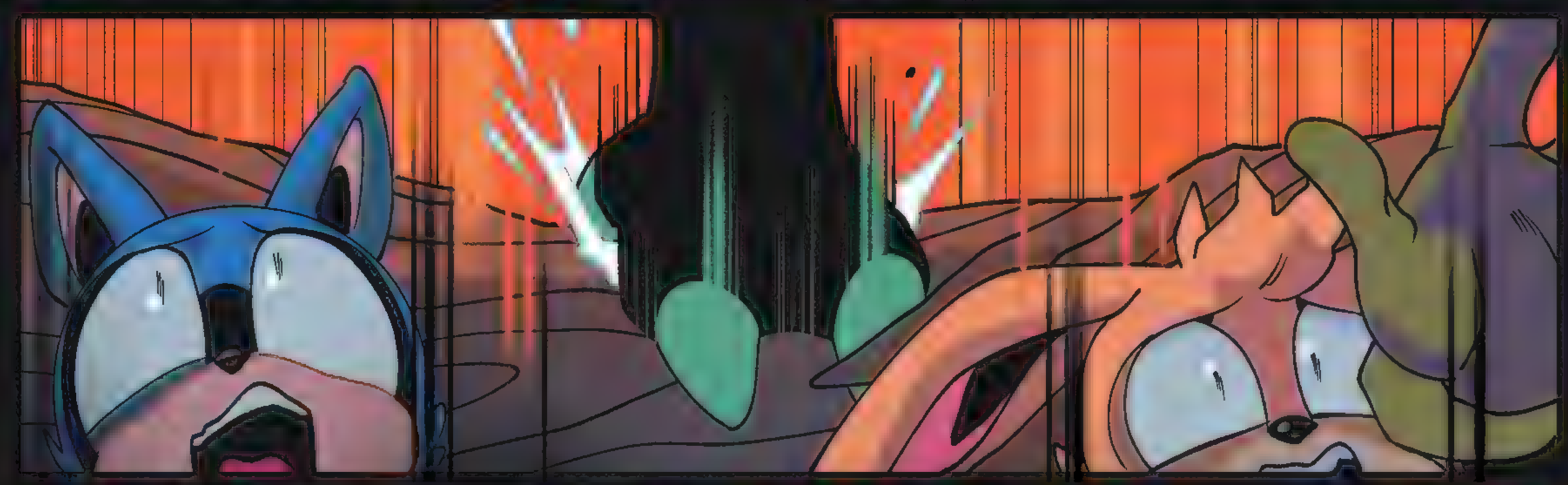
DEADLY SIX.
MARCH.

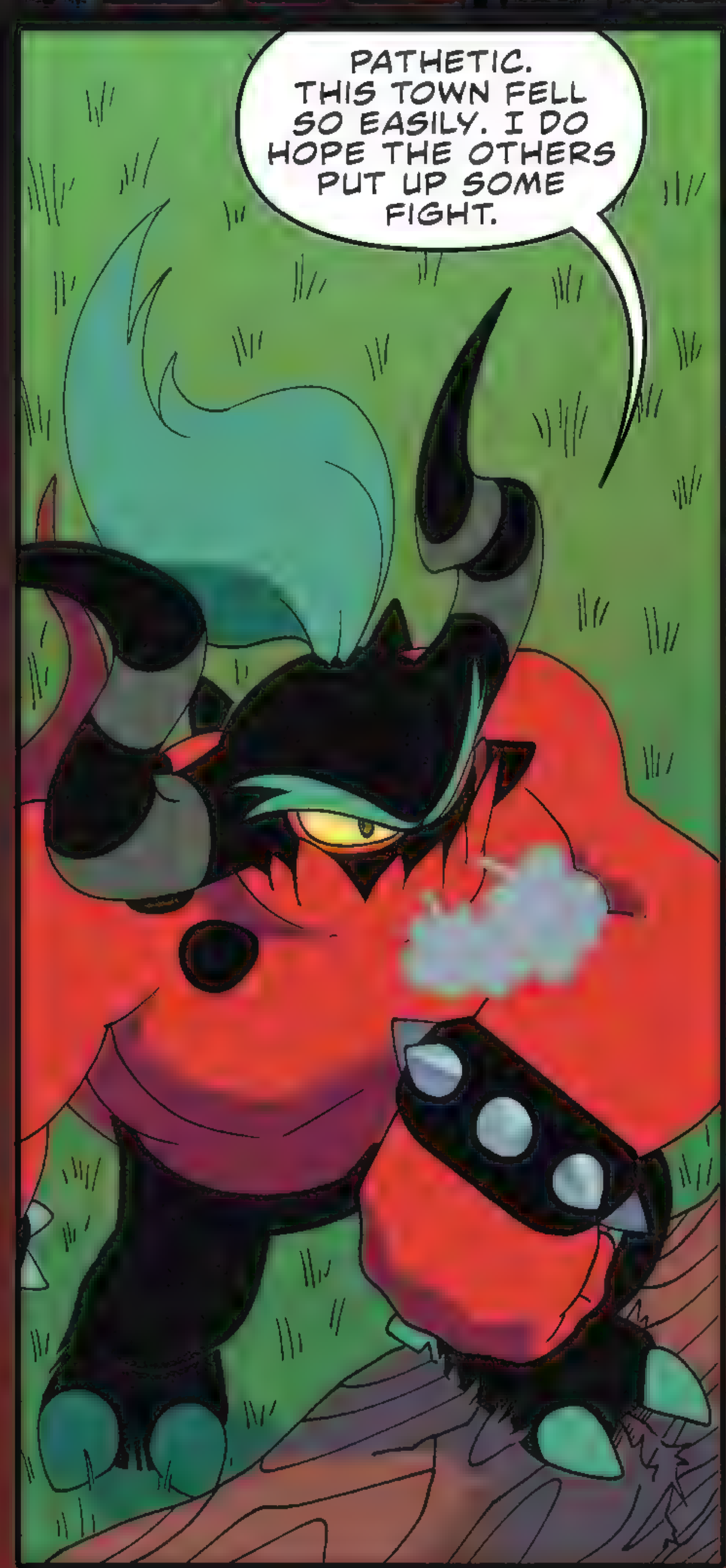
ORCHARDVILLE.

THERE'S MORE OF THOSE THINGS?!

THAT RUNTY ONE WAS BAD ENOUGH!

THUD




PATHETIC. THIS TOWN FELL SO EASILY. I DO HOPE THE OTHERS PUT UP SOME FIGHT.

I'LL DISTRACT HIM. YOU HAVE TO SEND WORD TO THE OTHERS.

LATER. RESTORATION HQ.

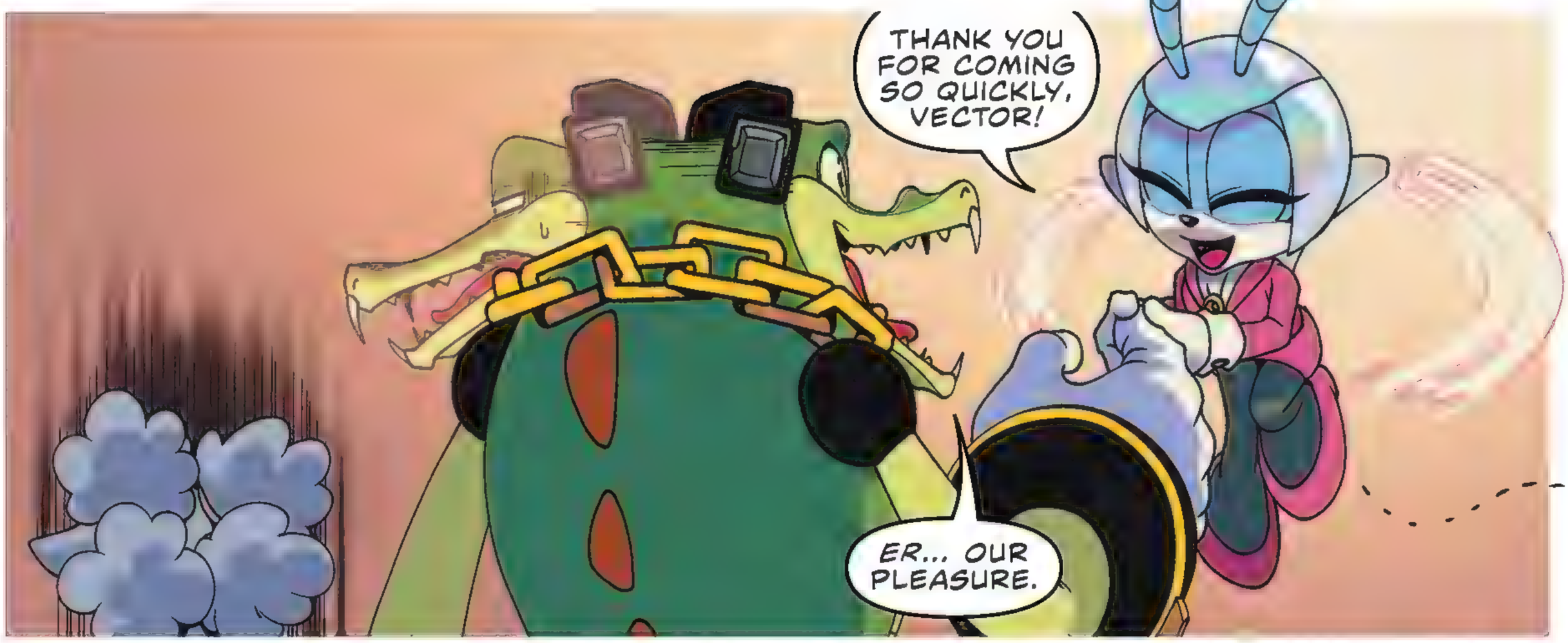
WOWEE-WOWEE-WOW!

THIS IS MUCH COOLER THAN THE OLD HEADQUARTERS!

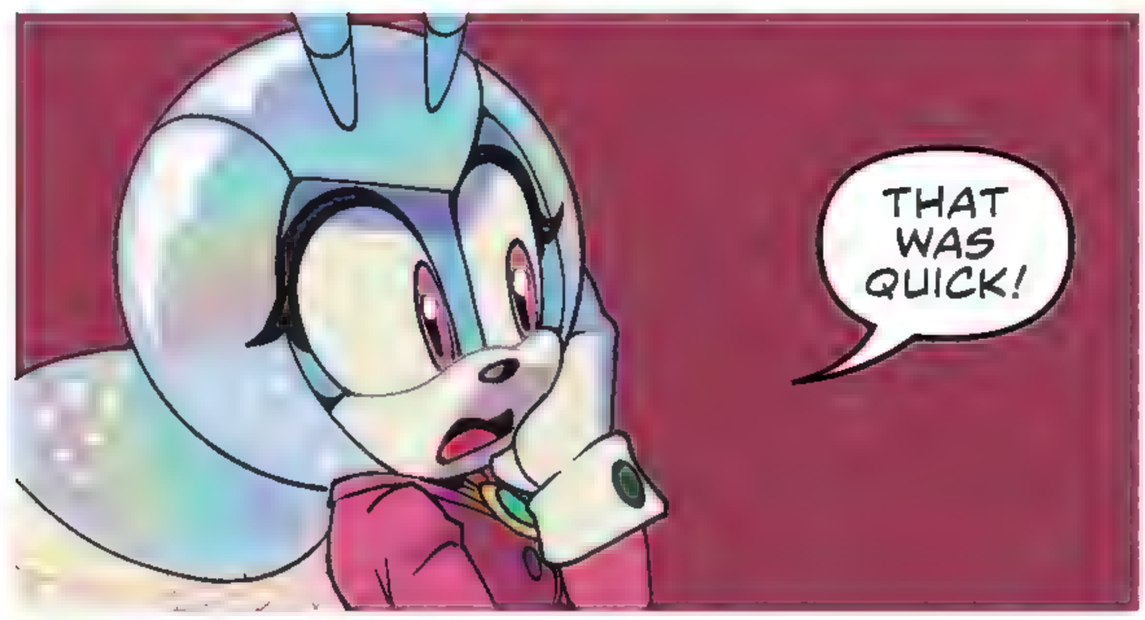
INDEED. A LOT OF WORK WAS PUT INTO IT AFTER WE ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYED THE OLD ONE.*

YEAH... WE PROBABLY SHOULD OFFER THEM A DISCOUNT ON ACCOUNT OF THAT...

*STH#22-EDS.

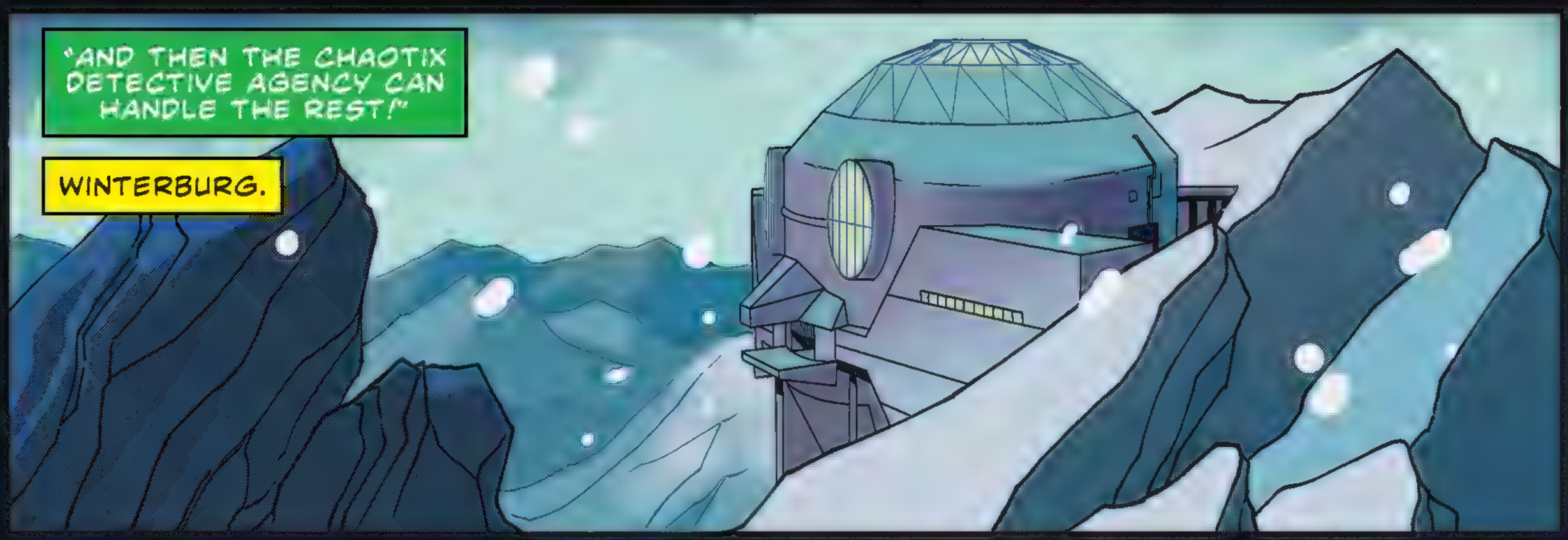

THANK YOU FOR COMING SO QUICKLY, VECTOR!
ER... OUR PLEASURE.

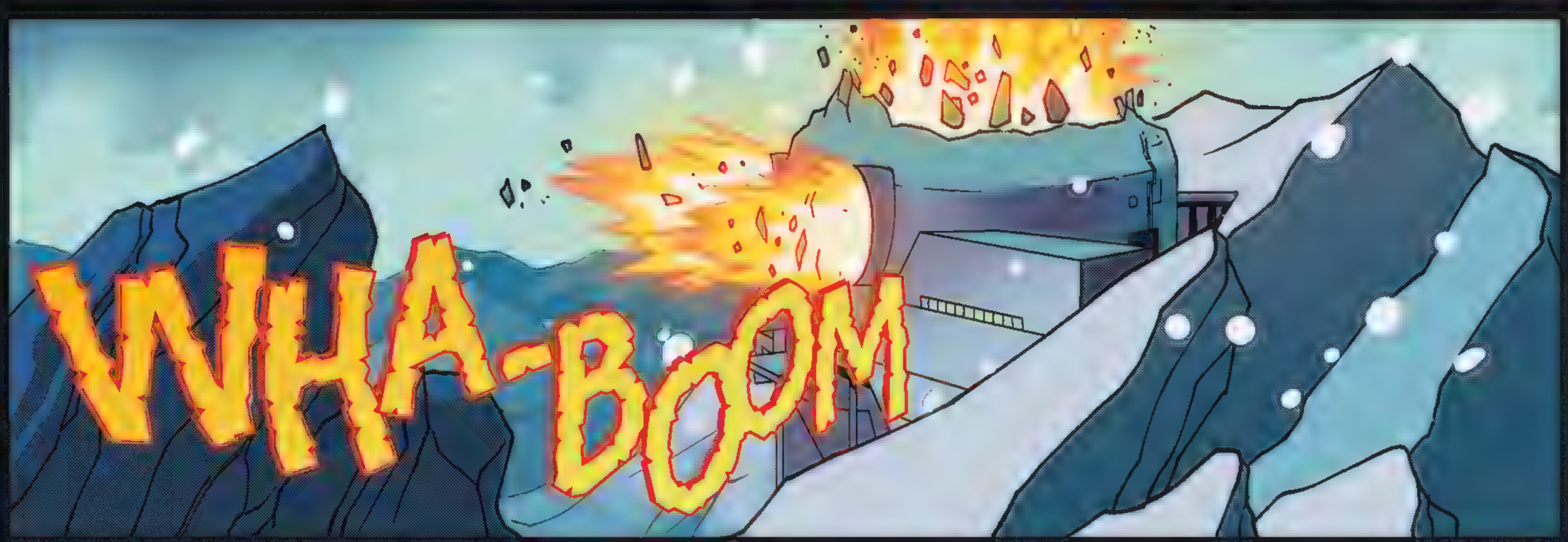
WE'VE HAD A RASH OF VIOLENT ATTACKS THAT DON'T SEEM TO BE EGGMAN-RELATED.
THE SURVIVORS SPOKE OF "HORNED MONSTERS."
THE DEADLY SIX.


THAT WAS QUICK!

LOOK HERE. I FOUGHT ZAZZ IN RIVERSIDE.* TAILS AND AMY FOUGHT ZOMOM IN VISTA VIEW, WHILE SILVER AND WHISPER TOOK DOWN ZOR IN ORCHARDVILLE.
AND WE KNOW ZAVOK ESCAPED FROM EVERHOLD PRISON.**
*STH#26-28--EDS.
**STH: BAD GUYS #1--EDS.

YOU'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S A PRETTY OPEN-AND-SHUT CASE. THE D-SIX ARE OUT FOR REVENGE, AND THEY GOT SLOPPY.
WE CAN EASILY DEDUCE WHERE THEY'LL STRIKE NEXT!


"AND THEN THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY CAN HANDLE THE REST!"
WINTERBURG.


WHA-BOOM

CURSE YOU, SONIC! THIS ISN'T THE END!
YEAH... NOT UNTIL YOU GET A CLUE AND GIVE UP THE VILLAIN SCHTICK.

STILL, THAT WAS A FUN FEW DAYS. GET BACK TO BASICS, BLOW UP AN EGG BASE...

...I THINK I'LL TAKE SOME TIME OFF. HELP REBUILD, ENJOY THE TOWN FOR A BIT, MAYBE--
BREEP-BREEP
--OR NOT...?

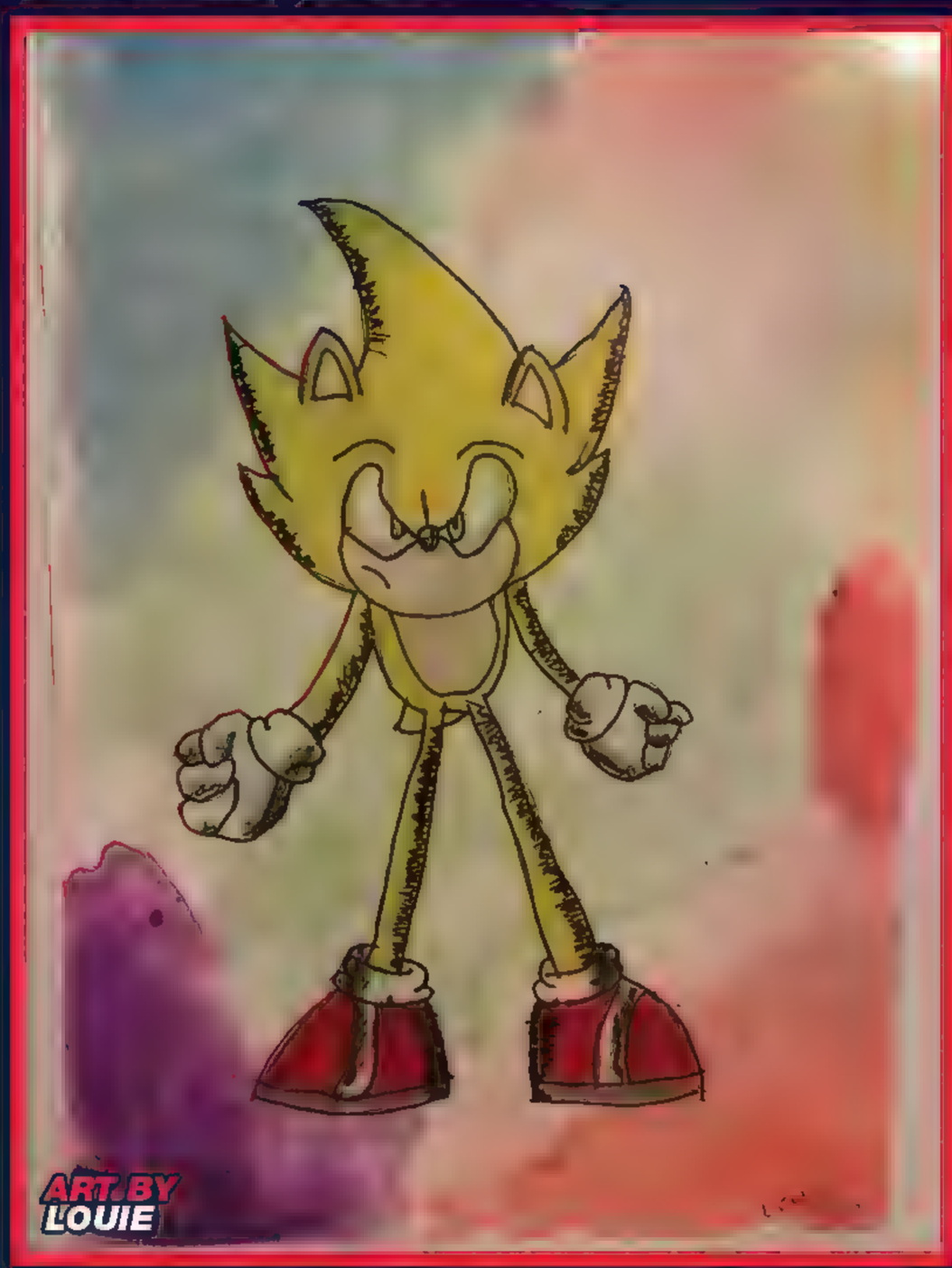
PERFECT! I CAN KICK BACK AND RELAX WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO REST UP BEFORE STOMPING SOME GOONS!

NEXT TIME:
RESTORATION HQ UNDER INVASION!

NEXT MONTH

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

What's up, Sonic peeps?! Oh, wow… the Zeti are about to stir up some real trouble! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for part one of "Zeti Hunt"! Now, let's check out a special letters column, dedicated to your wonderful art!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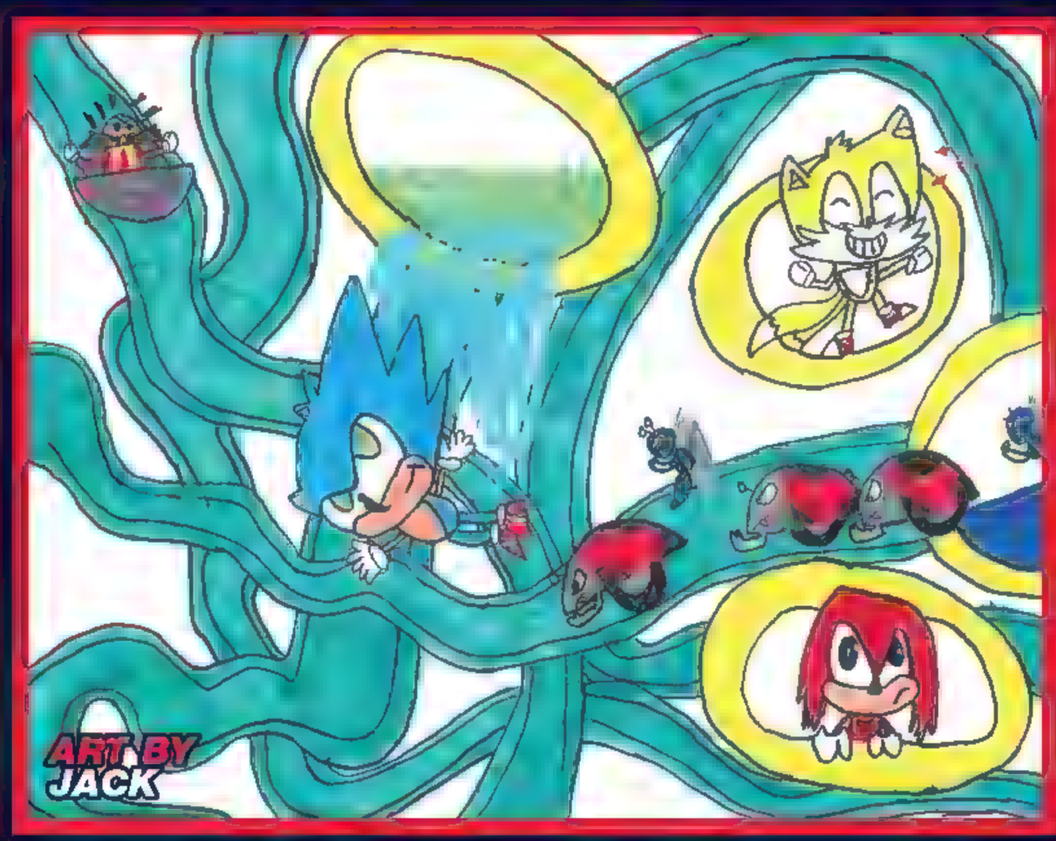
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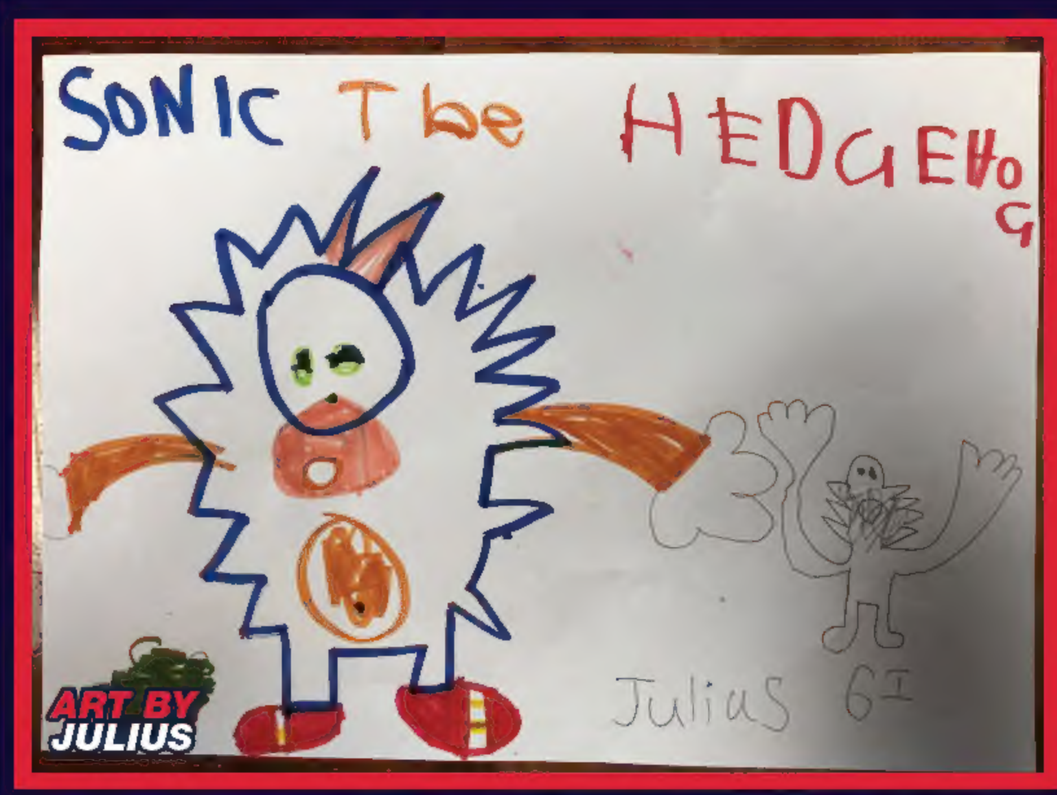

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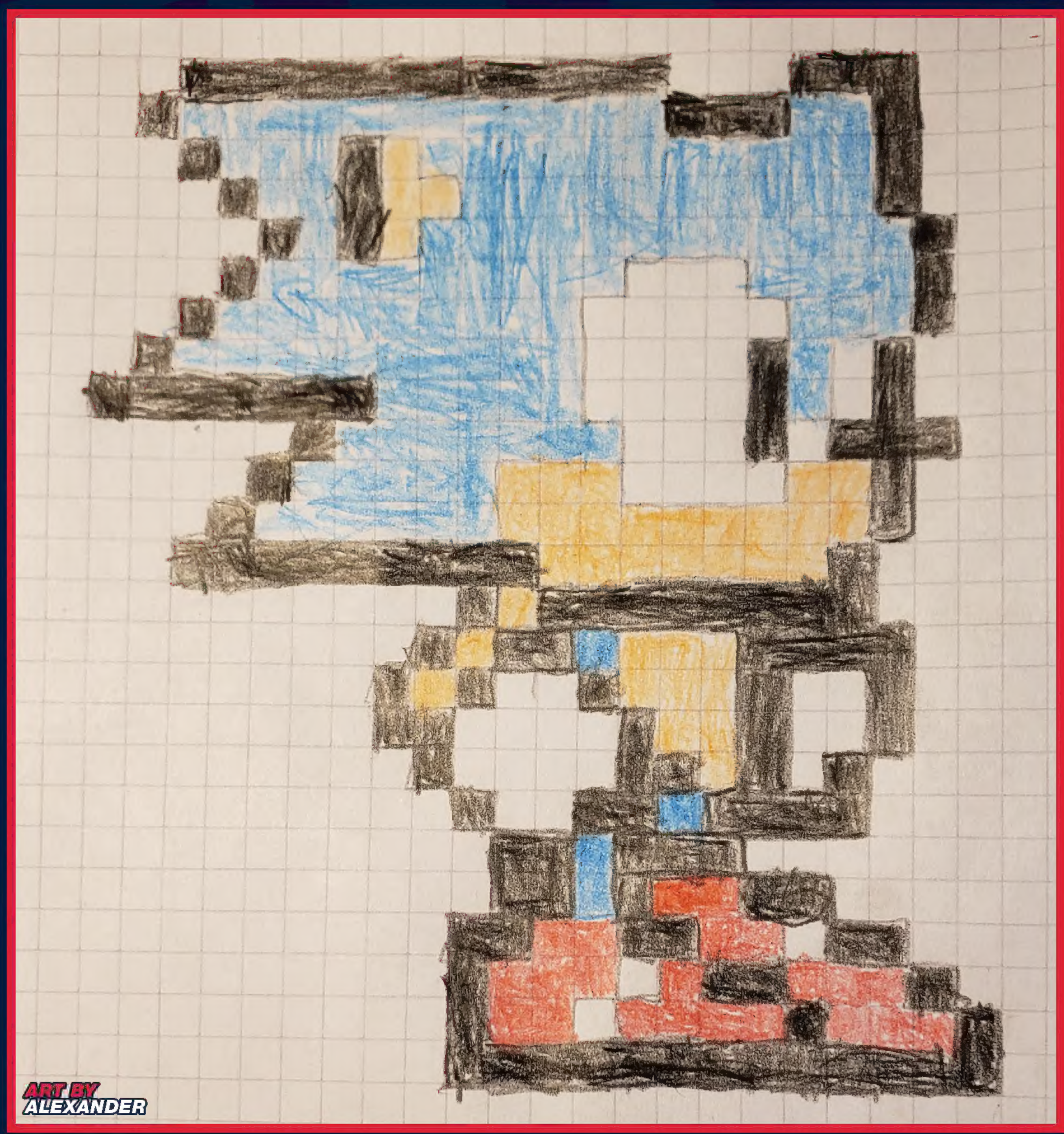

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